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SUBJ: FOREIGN SMALL EARTH STATION ASSESSMENT

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1. THERE ARE TWO COMMERCIAL EARTH STATIONS OPERATING IN GREECE SINCE 1970 AND 1972 RESPECTIVELY, BOTH INSTALLED BY ITT WITH EXIMBANK FINANCING. ONE IS BEAMED TO INTELSAT SATELLITE OVER ATLANTIC OCEAN; THE OTHER TO SATELLITE OVER INDIAN OCEAN. ADDITIONALLY NATO SATELLITE STATION HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY ITT'S GERMAN SUBSIDIARY STANDARD ELEKTRIK LORENZ.

2. EARTH STATION REQUIREMENTS APPEAR SATURATED FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. RECENTLY, MANAGEMENT OF HELLENIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION (OTE), WHICH HAS MONOPOLY ON COMMERCIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, STRONGLY CRITICIZED PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT FOR ENGAGING PREMATURELY IN EXTRAVAGANT AND IMAGE-BUILDING PROJECTS SUCH AS THE TWO EARTH STATIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH ALLEGEDLY OPERATED AT A LOSS DURING FIRST TWO YEARS AND THE SECOND STILL OPERATING AT DEFICIT.

3. ONLY POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE ADOPTION BY OTE OF CONCEPT AND EVENTUAL INSTALLATION OF A SHIP-TO-SHORE

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COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR HANDLING COMMUNICATION WITH

GREEK-OWNED SHIPS ALL OVER THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD  
REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF LAND-BASED ANTENNA AND ANCILLARY  
EQUIPMENT. IN 1974 OTE CANCELLED A TENDER HELD FEBRUARY 1973 FOR  
A HIGH-FREQUENCY SHHIP-TO-SHORE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.  
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